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Re: U.S. Patent No. 6,969,334- Issued: November 29, 2005  
Inventor(s): Carl D. Schleuder, Philip J. Francis  
For: TRANSFER CASE WITH TUBULAR OUTPUT SHAFT  
Our Docket No. 6978-000198/COA

Sir:

We have reviewed the above-identified patent and have found the following errors which appear to require a Certificate of Correction:

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Respectfully submitted,

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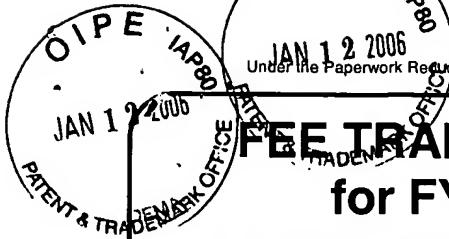
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| Art Unit             | Roger Pang        |
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| 1203 360      | 2203 180      | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid                      |
| 1204 200      | 2204 100      | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent         |
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| 1812 2,520   | 1812 2,520    | For filing a request for reexamination                                     |          |
| 1804 920*  | 1804 920*     | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action                     |          |
| 1805 1,840*  | 1805 1,840*   | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action                        |          |
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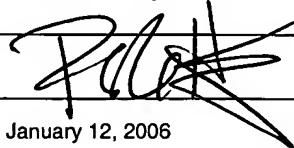
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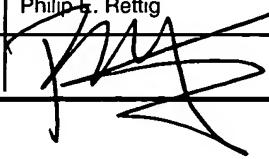
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